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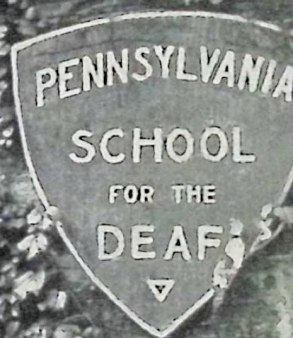
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Foreword

» » The Class of Nineteen Hundred Fifty takes pride in presenting this tenth volume of THE MOUNT AIRIAN. For us it will be a lasting reminder of our work and play during our youthful years; for others, we hope it will afford a pleasing glimpse of what goes on at our great school.

We wish to express to Dr. Edward M. Twitmyer our congratulations on the completion of his second year as our headmaster. We would like, also, to register our thanks to all those who have assisted us in compiling this year book.

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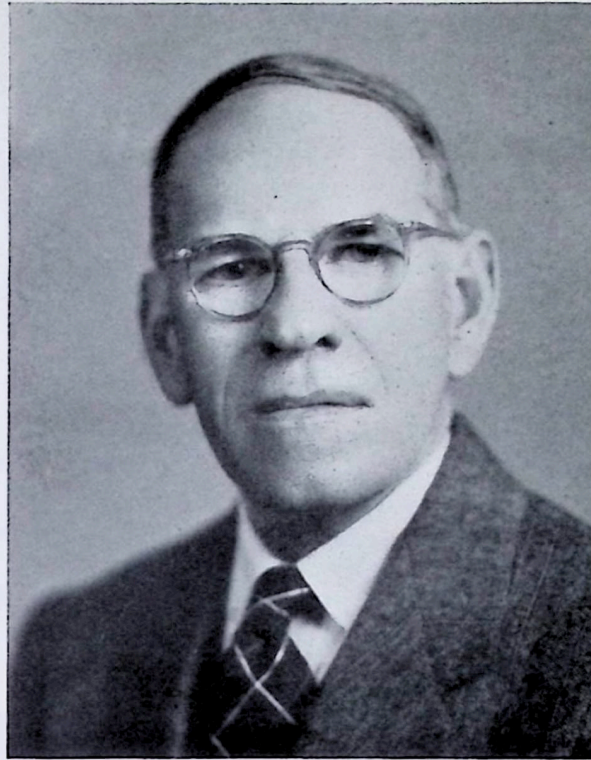
» » THE CLASS OF 1950 dedicates this tenth volume of THE MOUNT AIRIAN to Miss Harriet M. Thompson who has given many years of her life in loyal service to the Mount Airy School for the Deaf.

Miss Thompson was born and brought up in Philadelphia. She spent all her school life from kindergarten through the senior class at Friends' Central School, which was then located at 15th and Race Streets. After graduation she took a course of training at a small private school in Mt. Airy, Miss Mills', where she taught for three years. Several of Dr. Crouter's children went to Miss Mills' School and in that way she met Dr. Crouter, who was then superintendent of this school. In September, 1914, she accepted a position to teach in the primary department and trained under the able guidance of Miss Jeannette J. Christmas.

When Miss Louise Upham, principal of the primary department, retired in June, 1941, Miss Thompson was appointed to fill that position in which capacity she has served faithfully ever since.

When Miss Thompson retires she will be remembered by all at P.S.D. not only for her long years of work but also for her pleasing personality and her friendliness.

Dedication of the Class Tree



SAMUEL A. BUCK

» » THE CLASS OF 1950 dedicates its class tree, a weeping willow, to Mr. Samuel A. Buck, a faithful employee of the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for forty-four years until his retirement a year ago.

In the many years he spent here Mr. Buck did various types of work, but he was always ready to escort our boys to football games and could always be counted on to pinch-hit for someone who was absent or ill.

"Sam" was known and loved by hundreds of the girls and boys who have attended P.S.D. through the years. The senior class is proud to pay this tribute to his friendship and his loyalty, and extends to him its very best wishes for the years ahead.

Presentation Address

Dr. Twitmyer, Members of the Faculty, and Fellow Students:

Today is a proud day for us. For several years we have watched admiringly while other classes have planted their trees; at last we have assembled to plant our own. We have chosen a weeping willow. When full grown, it should be a large tree whose graceful, drooping branches will add charm and beauty to our campus.

Besides being strong and beautiful, the willow is also a very useful tree. It dries out damp ground, prevents soil erosion, and is useful in the manufacture of baskets and furniture. May we also be useful and, like its pliable branches, always be able to bend as we grow.

We name our tree in honor of Mr. Samuel A. Buck, a faithful employee of the school for forty-four years. He served our school in a number of ways, not the least of which was in his friendship for our boys. His loyalty and his faithfulness to duty are worthy examples for P.S.D. pupils to follow.

Dr. Twitmyer, the Samuel A. Buck willow tree is our gift to the school as well as a memorial to Mr. Buck. We ask you to accept it and to care for it so that it will live long as a memorial of our class.

RAYMOND BOND

Headmaster's Acceptance

Mr. Bond and the Members of the Graduating Class of June 1950:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the staff of the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, I accept as a symbol of your continued loyalty to our school the Weeping Willow Tree which you have selected. In the short space of two months you and your classmates will be leaving our school to take your places in the world, but the Tree which you are planting today will remain to remind all of us of your school days on our campus. As we look at this Tree our thoughts will be with the members of your class, and among these thoughts will be the hope that each of you is meeting life's problems with success.

You have chosen as your class motto, "It is best to learn wisdom by the experience of others." By naming this Tree in honor of Mr. Samuel A. Buck, you have demonstrated that you understand what this motto means. You have indeed displayed wisdom by paying tribute to a man who for forty-four years has given devoted service to our school and the many students he has known over this long period. All of us should profit a great deal by the example he has set, and your wisdom has been increased by this experience.

Your class has defined in another way the true meaning of your motto by dedicating your Class Book to Miss Harriet Thompson, Principal of our Primary Department. The outstanding contribution which Miss Thompson has made to our school and to every member of your class, should never be forgotten. During a most important period in your life you had the fortunate experience of being under her guidance and thereby received a firm foundation for the development of wisdom. I am indeed happy that your class has recognized this by honoring Miss Thompson.

I hope you will join the members of other graduating classes in coming back often to visit your school. As this Tree grows, so will your school continue to grow, and as loyal alumni you should be interested in watching both. I wish each of you real happiness as your wisdom increases through the experience of others.



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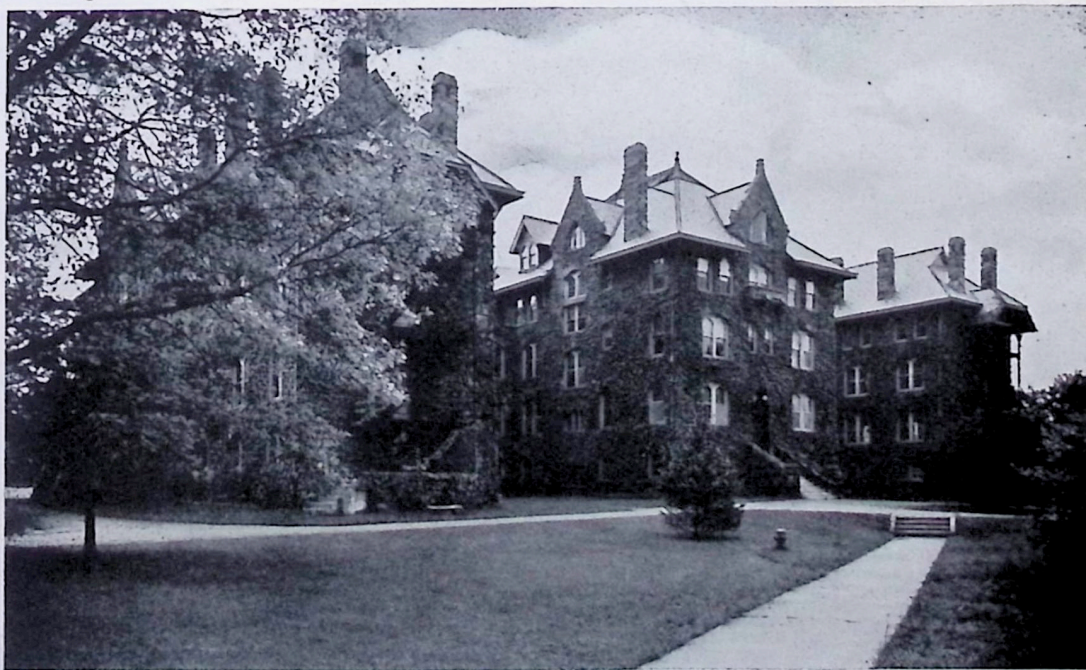


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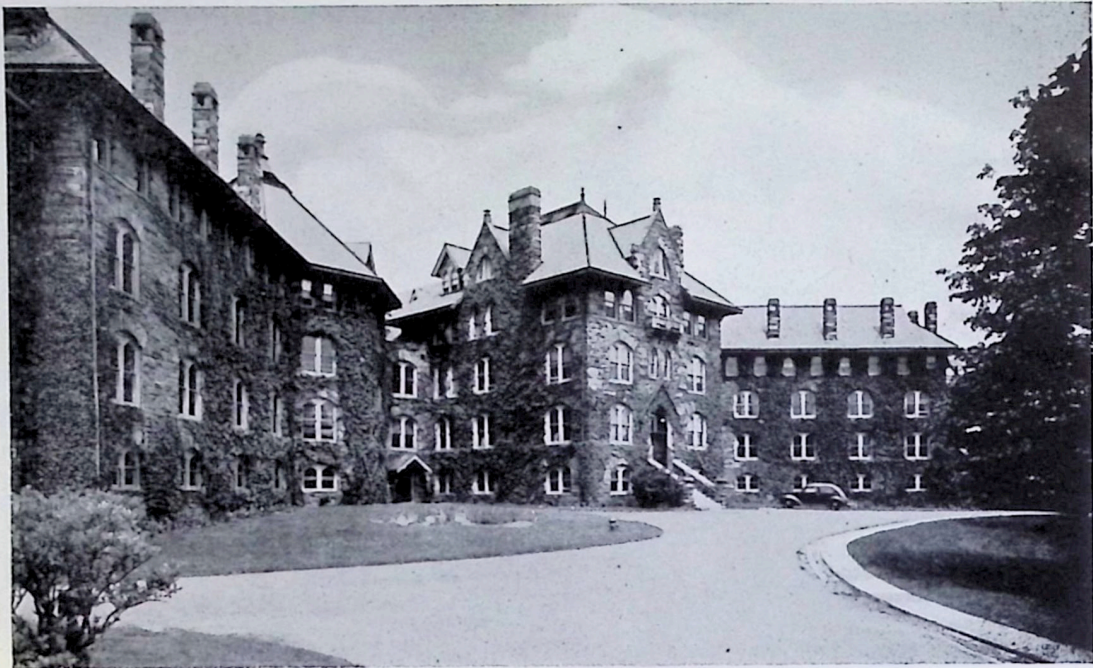
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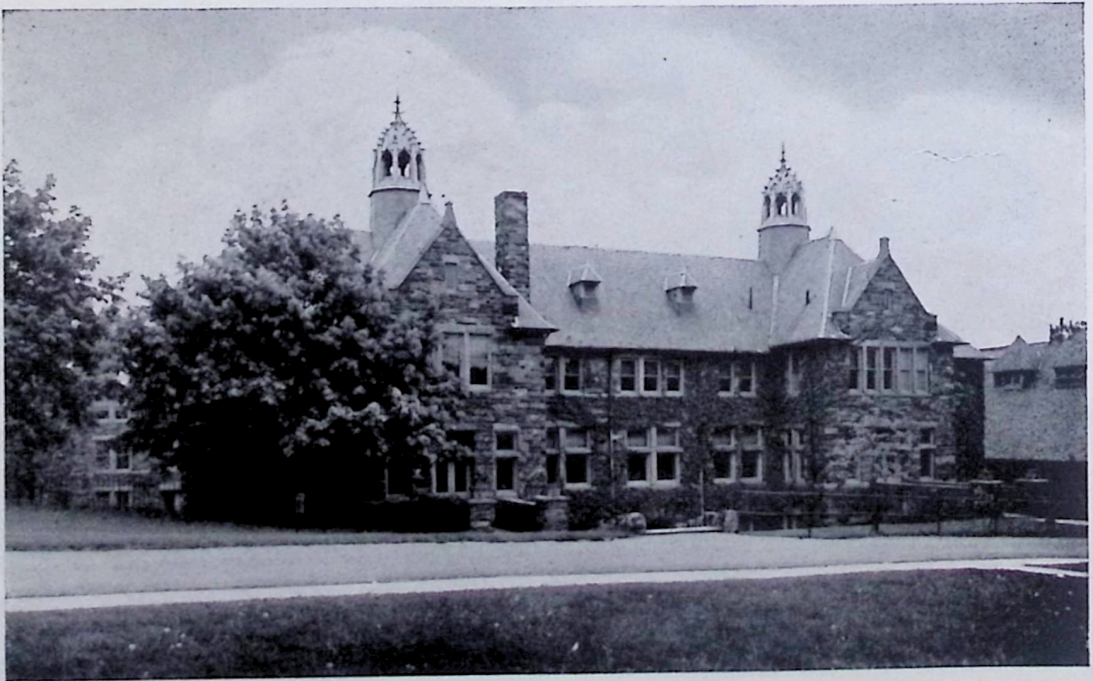
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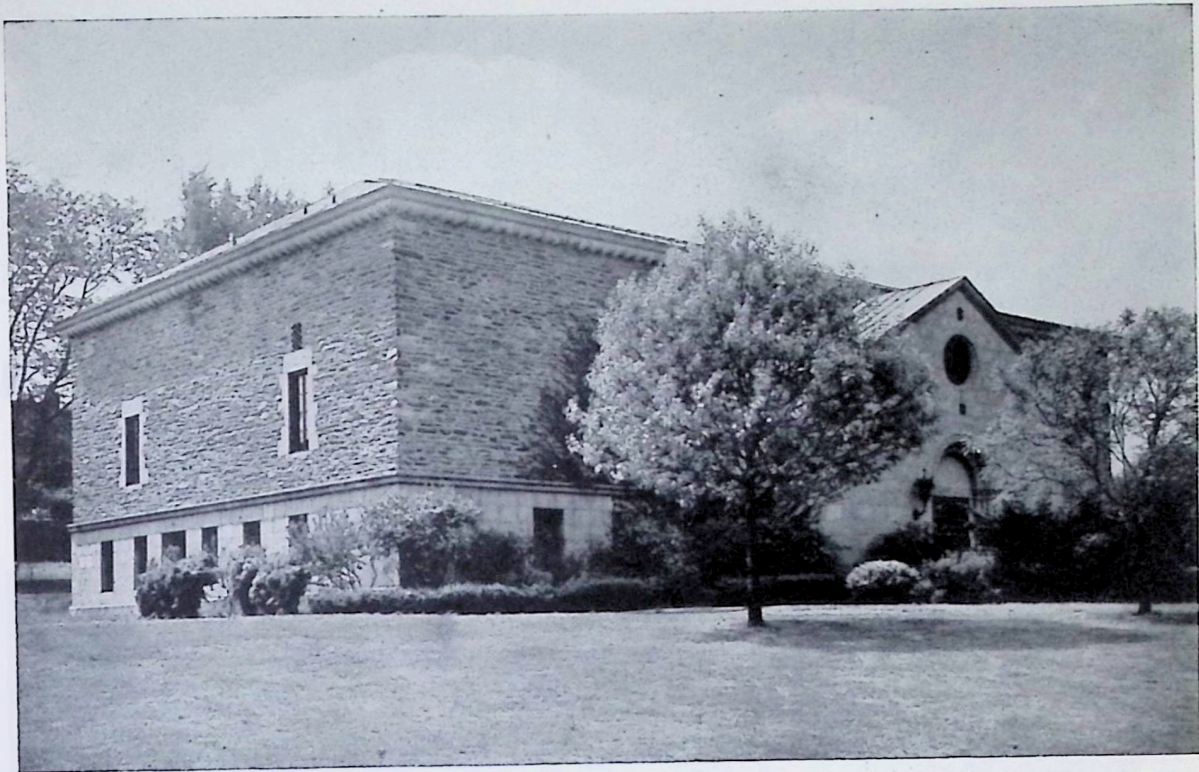
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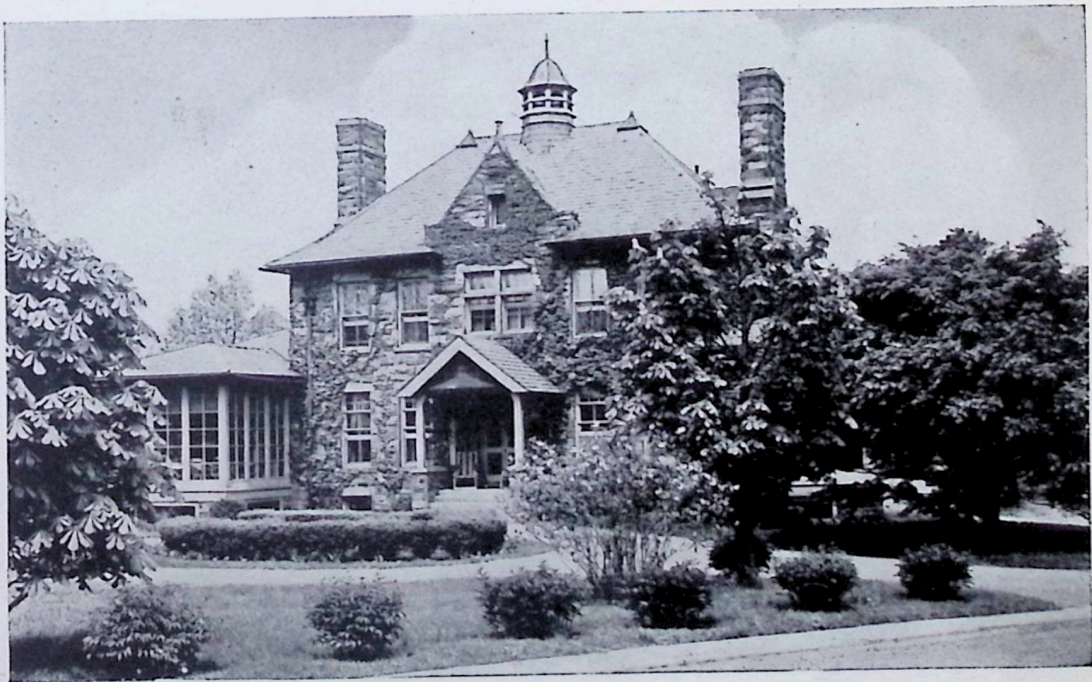
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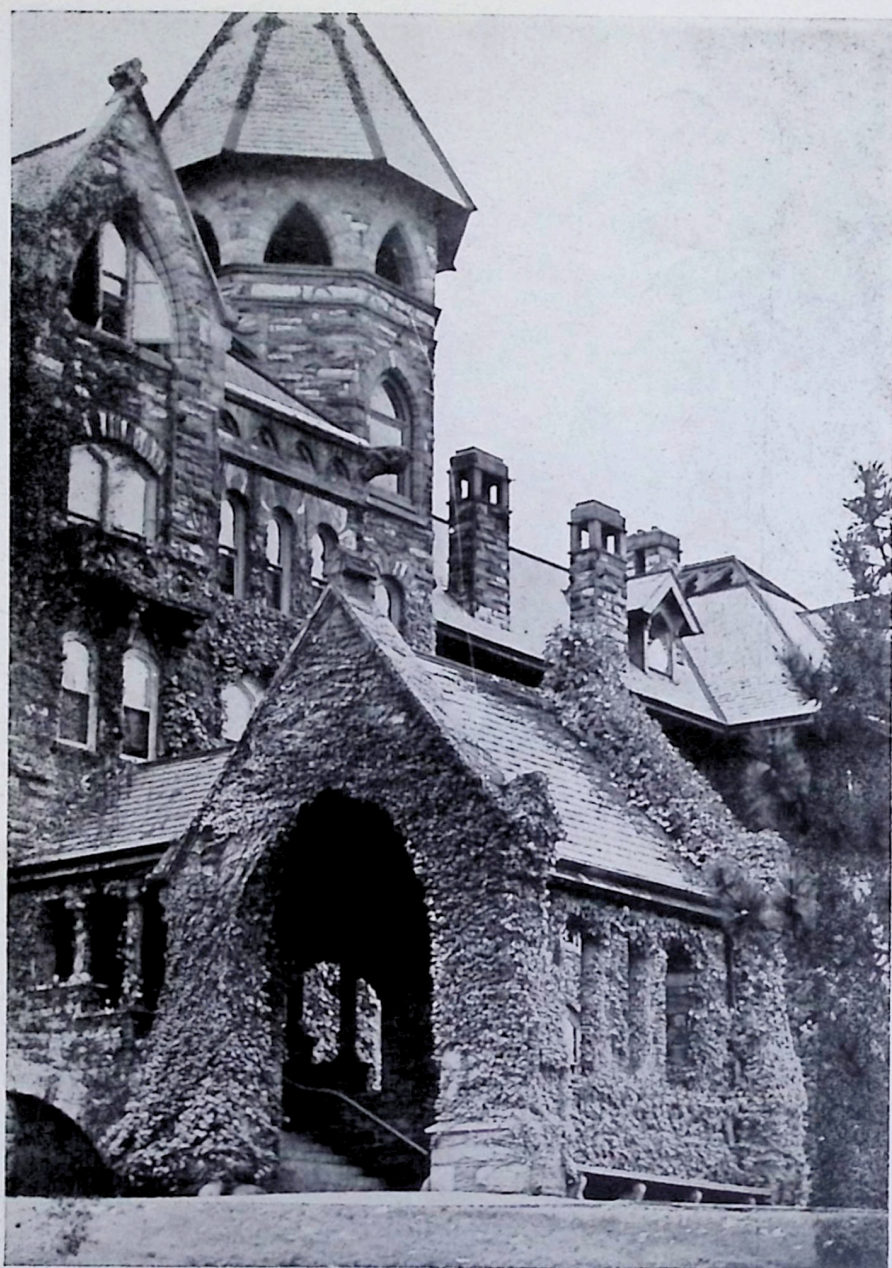


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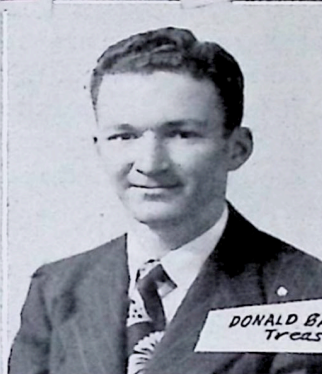
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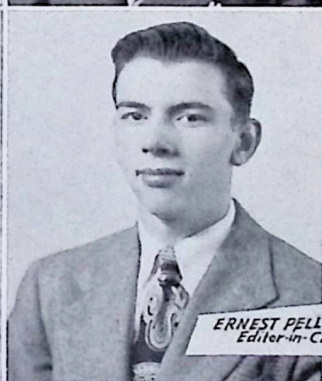
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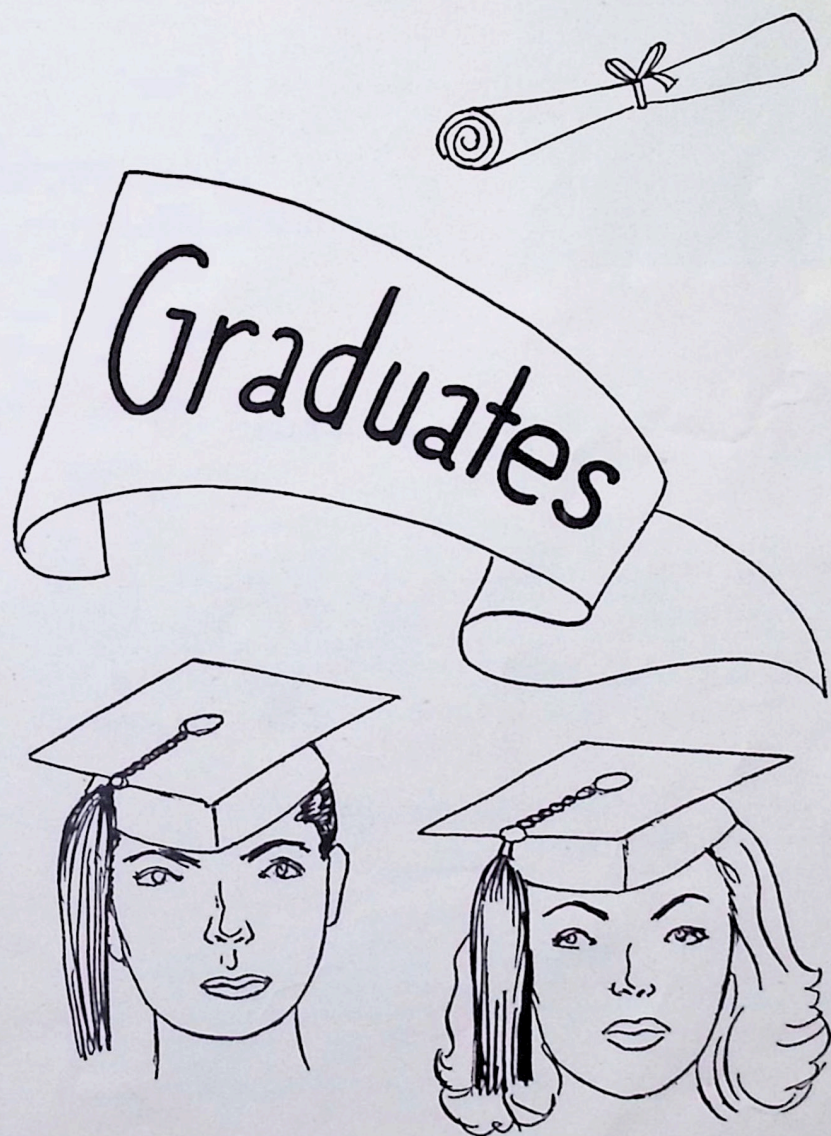
The class of 1950 appreciates your attendance tonight. It is a great pleasure to have you share our last happy hours at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

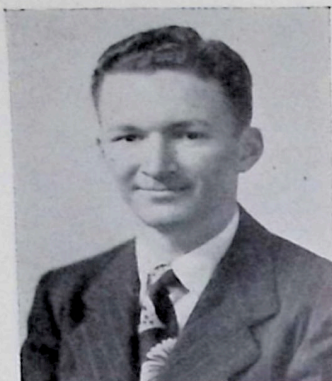
The diplomas and certificates which we shall receive this evening are symbols of youthful achievement, an upward step on the rung of life's ladder. We are happy to receive our diplomas, but this happiness is tempered with a genuine sadness. We realize that we are about to leave our fine school, with its beautiful campus and fond memories. Our teachers and counsellors, and all who have labored patiently to equip us with the principles and tools necessary for a successful life, will never be forgotten.

The Pennsylvania School for the Deaf has prepared us for a new phase in our lives. As we approach it, not only are we ready to work, we are prepared to be good citizens of a nation that embraces the only form of government for free men. We invite you to rejoice with us in this our Commencement.

BARBARA ANN KABUSK







DONALD JAY BAKER

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

"Duck"

DIPLOMA

*"Nowhere so busy a man as he there was
And yet he seemed busier than he was."*

"Duck" or "Cutie" was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and entered P.S.D. at the age of six. He is a quiet boy, able and willing to take responsibility. A very fine fellow, he is well-liked around the campus. Fishing at Valley Green is his favorite sport. He is a carpenter by trade and expects to win success at his trade in the future.

Activities: Letter Club, football, basketball, baseball, Reading Club, Camera Club, Fishing Club, Christmas Pageant, Bible Club.



MADELINE BARRETT

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"Barrett"

VOCATIONAL

*"Always on hand whenever there's fun;
Everyone likes her, she likes everyone."*

Good-natured "Barrett," one of our leading players in all sports, was born totally deaf in Philadelphia. When she was very tiny, she entered the Bala School and some years later came to Mt. Airy where she has been ever since. Sports and art are her great loves, and she gets a great deal of pleasure from both.

She hopes to seek employment when she leaves school. Her vocational training should be a great help to her in her ambition to get somewhere. We all wish her great success.

Activities: Hockey, basketball, softball, Reading Club, Roommate Club, Girl Scouts.

RAYMOND WILLIAM BOND

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

"Ray"

DIPLOMA

"The right man in the right place."

"Ray," our class gentleman, entered the intermediate department late in 1943 as a hard of hearing pupil. He stayed there one year before being promoted to the advanced department where he has remained for six years. He is a fine student and a good fellow, respected and liked by everyone, for he is always a good sport and has a ready smile at all times. He hopes to be a successful man in the future, and we believe his wish will come true. His favorite pastime is swimming.

Activities: Reading Club, Camera Club, Letter Club, volleyball, softball.



MARY LOUISE BOWEN

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

"Mary Lou"

VOCATIONAL

"A willing worker"

Mary Lou was born in Dallas, Pennsylvania, and became partially deaf at the age of fourteen months. She attended Wilkes-Barre public schools until she reached the eighth grade and then entered P.S.D. five years ago. When she leaves school, she hopes to get a good job as a power machine operator, but her ambition is to be a housekeeper some day.

Activities: Roommate Club, Reading Club, Bible Club, Christmas Pageant.



GILBERT FREMONT BROWN, JR.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

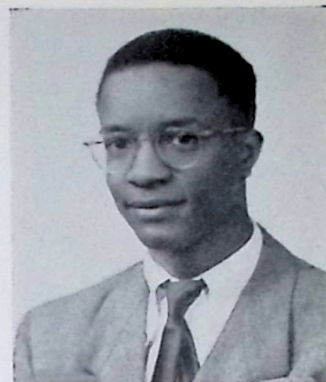
"Gil"

DIPLOMA

"A merry heart goes all the day"

"Gil" was born in West Philadelphia and became deaf at the age of two and a half years. He has attended school at Mount Airy from the age of six years and is very popular all around the campus. He delights in showing off and has the happy knack of doing it unoffensively. He was the second high-jumper in schools for the deaf of the United States in 1948. He has made other excellent records and helped P.S.D. win first place in track among the schools for the deaf in 1949. Vocationally, he is a fine shoe-repairer and his ambition is to own his own business after he leaves school.

Activities: Football, basketball, track, Camera Club, Letter Club, Reading Club, Bible Club, Art Club, Honors on Football Roll of 1949.



ALBERTA MARIE BUCHTER

Reinholds, Pennsylvania

"Boyda"

DIPLOMA

*"She always lends a helping hand
No matter what you ask."*

"Boyda" of Reinholds, Pennsylvania, was born in Fritztown. She attended public school there for several years and then entered the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in 1942. She is a sweet, quiet, and modest girl, a fine dressmaker, and a capable student. Always willing to help others, she has become a very popular leader among the girls. Known as a busy bee, she is nevertheless sometimes caught napping on week-ends. Her Bible is close to her heart and she especially loves the psalms. Gym and Girl Scouting also claim much of her interest.

Activities: Hockey, basketball, softball, President of Reading Club, Vice-President of Roommate Club, Christmas Pageant, Girl Scouts, Bible Club.



MARIE VIOLA FOX

Pottsville, Pennsylvania

"Foxey"

VOCATIONAL

*"A smiling countenance and a kind heart,
Both blaze the way to happiness."*

"Foxey" was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and entered this school at the age of eight. The cause of her deafness is unknown. Her ambition is to be a power machine operator when she leaves school, and we predict that she'll be successful.

Activities: Reading Club, Bible Club, Christmas Pageant.



MARY ELIZABETH FRANKLIN

Scranton, Pennsylvania

"Mary"

ACADEMIC

"To know her is to love her"

Attractive, well-poised Mary, who comes from Scranton and is the best student of the class, was born in Lenox Township in 1932, and became partially deaf at the age of six. She attended public school for three years, the Scranton School for six years, and came to P.S.D. at the age of sixteen to complete her academic education and to get vocational training. Her name is always among those on the honor roll. Sports are dear to her heart.

Activities: Basketball, baseball, hockey, Christmas Pageant, Vice-President of the Senior Class, Reading Club.



VERNA FIETTA GROSS

Sellersville, Pennsylvania

"Grossie"

ACADEMIC

*"Always cheerful, never sad,
She makes life for her friends as glad."*

Our beloved "Grossie" was born in Sellersville, Pennsylvania. She lost her hearing through spinal meningitis at the age of thirteen and entered this school four years ago from public school. At P.S.D. she has improved greatly in lip-reading and speech, and in her other school work. Because she is quiet, friendly, and willing to help anyone at any time, she has many friends. Skating is especially dear to her heart, but she also enjoys other sports.

Activities: Hockey, softball manager, Reading Club, Roommate Club, Bible Club, Girl Scouts, Christmas Pageant Choir.



ANDREW EDWARD GULYA, JR.

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

"Andy"

VOCATIONAL

"Laugh and the world laughs with you."

"Andy" was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and entered P.S.D. at seven years of age in 1938. He is a good student and a boy who has won many friends. We think from his appetite that he must have two stomachs. By trade he is a skilled auto-mechanic with a good knowledge of almost all parts of an automobile. We predict that he'll soon have his own repair shop.

Activities: Mason and Dixon Conference champion, "48"; captain, football, "49"; basketball, baseball, softball, Letter Club, Reading Club, Fishing Club.

PEGGY LOU HALL

Newport, Pennsylvania

"Peg"

VOCATIONAL

"Silence is the most perfect herald of joy."

"Peg" was born in Newport, Pennsylvania, in 1931, and became deaf at an early age through abscessed ears. She entered Cresheim Hall at the age of six. At the end of eight years she was promoted to the advanced department. In Morris Hall she has majored in cooking and sewing. Her hobbies are reading romantic comics and playing ping pong. She is also much interested in dancing.

Activities: Reading Club, Bible Club, Christmas Pageant, Roommate Club.



SHIRLEY MARIE HIESTER

Bernville, Pennsylvania

"Shirley"

VOCATIONAL

"Joy comes, grief goes, we know not how."

"Shirley" was born in West Leesport, Berks County, Pennsylvania, in December, 1930, but now lives in Bernville, Pennsylvania. She became deaf through spinal meningitis when she was eighteen months old and entered P.S.D. in the fall of 1937. She is a good power machine operator and we wish her the best of luck in her work and in her ambition to be a good housekeeper.

Activities: Reading Club, Bible Club, Christmas Pageant.



BARBARA ANN KABUSK

Edwardsville, Pennsylvania

"Babs"

ACADEMIC

*"Her very smiles are fairer far
Than smiles of other maidens are."*

Our sweet, fun-loving "Babs" was born totally deaf in Kingston, Pennsylvania, and entered the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf five years ago, coming from the Scranton School. She is a good student and has been frequently on the Honor Roll. A born leader, she is active in nearly every worthwhile school project. Her charming smile and sweet manners have won her many friends. Sports are her greatest love.

Activities: Hockey, basketball, softball, Reading Club, President of Roommate Club, 1949-50; Girl Scouts, "Mary" in the 1949 Christmas Pageant, Secretary of Class '50.



FLORENCE ANNE KOCUR

Shamokin, Pennsylvania

"Flossie"

VOCATIONAL

*"Always happy, always gay,
That is Flossie every day."*

"Flossie," a cute and lovable girl, was born in the coal mining district of Shamokin. Her deafness was caused by a fall at the age of one year, and she entered Cresheim Hall when she was seven. She is now a very skillful power machine operator. Sports are her pet enthusiasm and she is a very good basketball and hockey player. We predict she will hold a good job and have many friends after she graduates.

Activities: Hockey, basketball, baseball, Girl Scout, Christmas Pageant, Reading Club, Roommate Club.



REGINA HARRIET LYNCH

Frankford, Delaware

"Regina"

VOCATIONAL

*"She's real all through
And like her you'll find few."*

Our cute little Delawarian, Regina, was born deaf on a farm in the southern part of Delaware. She entered school here at the age of six and has spent thirteen years at P.S.D. Her hobbies are dressmaking and cooking, and she sews for her family at home during vacations. She is also good in sports. When she finishes school here, she hopes to meet with success at her trade.

Activities: Roommate Club, Reading Club, Bible Club, hockey, Christmas Pageant, Girl Scouts.



ETHEL ESTELLA MARSHALL

Reading Pennsylvania

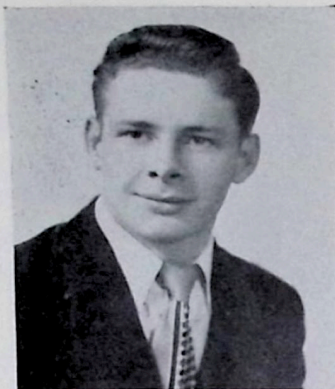
"Shorty"

DIPLOMA

"No one ever regretted being her friend."

Our little Ethel was born totally deaf in Township Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, but has partially regained her hearing. She has been at P.S.D. for ten years. Her favorite pastime is listening to the radio; reading comics is her chief weakness. She loves talking and laughing, and we shall remember her as a cheerful and loyal friend, always ready to lend a helping hand.

Activities: Basketball manager, hockey timekeeper, Bible Club, Secretary of the Roommate Club, Reading Club, Christmas Pageant Choir.



DAVID BURNS MOORE

Reading, Pennsylvania

"Dave"

ACADEMIC

"Good health and good sense are two of life's greatest blessings."

"Dave," now almost a young man of twenty, was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, in 1930, and still lives there. He has attended P.S.D. since he was six years old with the exception of one year which he spent at the New Jersey School for the Deaf. In vocational school, he is learning to be both a linotype operator and a compositor, and expects to work for a large newspaper plant somewhere near his hometown. He is a careful student and an all-around good fellow, respected and liked by everyone.

Activities: Football manager, 1948; baseball, 1948-49; basketball, 1944-45; President of Boys' Reading Club, Fishing Club, Letter Club, Stamp Club, Assistant Editor of "The Mount Airian" of 1950.



LOLA GLADYS MORGAN

Bethel, Pennsylvania

"Lola"

VOCATIONAL

*"She talks and talks, but that is human,
She likes the boys, but she's a woman."*

"Lola" was born deaf on the farm where she has resided all her life, and has attended this school since 1936. She is now a skillful power machine operator and hopes to work at that trade in her hometown after her graduation. Her hobby is basketball in which she is an excellent player. Her kindness has won her many friends.

Activities: Roommate Club, Reading Club, Bible Club, hockey, basketball, softball, Christmas Pageant, Girl Scout.

LILLIAN GEORGENE ORTIGA

Media, Pennsylvania

"Lily"

VOCATIONAL

"I chatter, chatter as I go."

"Lily," our most talkative girl, was born in Media, Pennsylvania, in 1931. She attended public school for several years and then came to P.S.D. at the age of nine. Entering the intermediate department, she very soon was promoted to the advanced department. She is well known for her frequent letter writing and for her excellent basketball playing as guard and forward. Sports are undoubtedly her favorite activity.

Activities: Hockey, basketball, softball, Reading Club, Christmas Pageant, Fashion Show, Roommate Club.



ERNEST EUGENE PELLMAN

Sunbury, Pennsylvania

"Ernie"

VOCATIONAL

"A quiet and industrious boy."

"Ernie" was born totally deaf in Sunbury in 1929 and entered Cresheim Hall at the age of seven. Drawing house plans is his hobby. He is rather quiet, but is much interested in the minor baseball and professional basketball teams of his hometown. For six years he has concentrated on printing and expects to be a linotype operator for a newspaper plant in the future.

Activities: Boy Scout, Boys' Reading Club, volleyball, softball, manager of vocational and P.S.D. basketball leagues, football program salesman, Christmas Pageant, "48"; Editor-in-Chief of THE MT. AIRIAN, "50".



CAROLINE THERESA PLUGUEZ

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"Caroline"

VOCATIONAL

*"Blond hair, a friendly air,
A girl for whom we all care."*

Caroline, our star feminine athlete, was born deaf in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and came here four years ago. She had spent ten years in the Archbishop Ryan School for the Deaf, coming to P.S.D. in 1946. She is an excellent power machine operator, an outstanding sportswoman, and a girl with many friends. She has engaged in all sports for four years and hopes to play professionally someday.

Activities: Roommate Club, Reading Club, hockey, basketball, softball, volleyball.



JAMES EARL REX

Summit Hill, Pennsylvania

"Jimmy"

VOCATIONAL

"Always a gentleman wherever he goes."

Our well-dressed and carefully groomed "Jimmy" was born in Summit Hill, Pennsylvania, and entered the primary department at an early age. He is an expert barber and has often taken complete charge of the barber shop when his teacher, Mr. Long, has been absent. He plans to open a shop of his own and expects to have a good business.

Activities: Football manager, Camera Club, Reading Club, Boy Scout, Joseph in the Christmas Pageant.



CHARLES ANTHONY ROSKOWSKI

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

"Charlie"

VOCATIONAL

"By his work one knows the workman."

"Charlie" was born on March 10, 1930 with normal hearing, but became partially deaf at the age of seven. He then entered the Pennsylvania State Oral School in Scranton where he remained for ten years before coming to P.S.D. three years ago. By trade he has become a fine shoe repairer. His pet pastime is singing. He is also a good southpaw pitcher and prefers baseball above all other sports, having played on the P.S.D. baseball varsity team for three years. He expects to play professionally in his hometown after leaving school.

Activities: Letter Club, vice-president of the Reading Club, football, baseball, basketball, softball, Glee Club.



ROBERT JOHN SABO

Hazleton, Pennsylvania

"Bob"

VOCATIONAL

"A smile for all, a greeting glad."

"Bob" was born totally deaf in Hazleton, and was admitted to Cresheim Hall at the age of seven. He became interested in woodworking while in Wingohocking Hall and entered the senior carpentry class in 1945. His favorite sports are track and football, and he is a good mile runner. After his graduation he expects to be a carpenter in his hometown.

Activities: Boy Scout, Reading Club, Letter Club, Camera Club, track, football, Christmas Pageant.



ELLEN LYDIA SCHLEICHER

Northampton, Pennsylvania

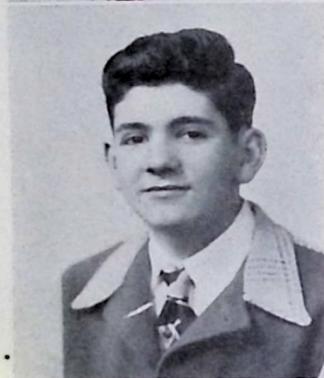
"Ellen"

VOCATIONAL

*"Not bold nor shy nor short nor tall
Just a nice mingling of them all."*

Our hard-working Ellen was born in Allentown, became deaf at the age of two, and entered the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf at the age of eight. She is now an excellent power-machine operator and hopes to continue at this trade after she graduates from the vocational department here.

Activities: Roommate Club, Reading Club, Bible Club, hockey, basketball, Girl Scout, Christmas Pageant.



DALE KENNETH SHIRK

Terre Hill, Pennsylvania

"Dale"

ACADEMIC

"Oh, why should life all labor be?"

Dale was born deaf in Terre Hill on June 20, 1932. He has attended P.S.D. for eight years and is very popular among the boys. In school he does especially well in reading and composition. Though not an active sportsman, he has been track manager for three years. He also has had charge of candy and soda sales in Wissinoming Hall. In Morris Hall he is learning carpentry. Motorcycling, he says, will be his hobby.

Activities: Track manager, Reading Club, Camera Club, Letter Club, Volleyball, Christmas Pageant.

RICHARD JAMES SHULTZ

LaPorte, Pennsylvania

"Richie"

VOCATIONAL

"Quietness and industry"

"Richie" was born on November 28, 1929, and became deaf at the age of six, but is now only hard of hearing. He attended the State Oral School for the Deaf in Scranton for four years and then came to P.S.D. in 1941 to continue his education and to get special vocational training in shoe-repairing. On the football varsity, he played guard when we won the football championship in 1948.

Activities: Reading Club, Letter Club, Art Club, football, baseball.



EDWARD HARRY SLACKWAY

Philadelphia Pennsylvania

"Eddie"

VOCATIONAL

"A boy who does not know his strength."

"Eddie" was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1931. His deafness was caused by whooping cough at an early age. He entered P.S.D. in 1937 at the age of six. In auto-mechanics he is an experienced worker on all parts of a car. Eddie can crack jokes that will make anyone laugh. This is the chief cause of his popularity among the boys and girls.

Activities: Football (Mason and Dixon Conference Champ, 1948), track, volleyball, softball, Boys' Reading Club, Fishing Club, Art Club, All American football team.



CAROLYN FERN SMITH

Palmyra, Pennsylvania

"Carolyn"

VOCATIONAL

*"Some think the world was made for fun and frolic,
And so does she."*

"Carolyn" was born December 8, 1930, on a small farm near Scheaf-ferstown, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, and later moved to Palmyra, Pa. The cause of her deafness is unknown. She regained partial hearing on December 16, 1949, and believes that some day she will hear normally. She entered P.S.D. at the age of six. She is an excellent power-machine operator and hopes to continue working at that trade after graduation.

Activities: Reading Club, Bible Club.



REGINA STAHL

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"Regina"

VOCATIONAL

*"Bushels of smiles, lots of good cheer,
That's why Regina to us is so dear."*

Popular Miss Regina was born deaf in Philadelphia and started school at the age of six. She attended the Northwest School for about one year and then came to Mount Airy. She is especially good in cooking and sewing, but expects to get a job as a power-machine operator after she graduates. Because she is friendly and cheerful, she makes excellent company. Her weaknesses are rough-housing and eating before retiring.

Activities: Roommate Club, Reading Club, hockey, baseball, softball.



IRENE EROMA WENDORFF

Plymouth, Pennsylvania

"Rene"

VOCATIONAL

"We meet her like a pleasant thought."

"Rene" was born in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, and became deaf through illness when she was three and a half years old. She entered Cresheim Hall as a tiny tot and has been at P.S.D. for twelve years. She certainly likes power machine operating and is a very good operator. After she graduates she hopes to work as a power machine operator. Letter writing seems to be her hobby.

Activities: Reading Club, Girl Scout.



CLASS HISTORY

DONALD BAKER

» » As we approach the final days of our schooling here, it is my privilege to pause and look back over the happy, work-packed years we have spent at P.S.D. which range for the class of 1950 all the way from two to thirteen years.

The graduating class as now composed consists of thirty-one members, of whom five have completed both academic and vocational courses; five, the academic course only; and twenty-one, the vocational course only. The majority of the class are totally or profoundly deaf, and the others are generally very hard of hearing. All of us have benefited by our special training at P.S.D. as we could not have done in schools for children with normal hearing.

Most of us began as little tots in Cresheim Hall, the primary department, where life was full but very care-free. When we entered, we were generally about six years old. We were shy and rather confused mites in those first days, but if we were bewildered at first, we rapidly overcame our fears as we saw the many opportunities for fun with our new playmates. We were soon at home and, under the guidance of kindly house-mothers and trained teachers, quickly began to enjoy our new life. In school we began learning to speak, to read the lips, to write, to count a little, and to learn other easy lessons. After school, in fair weather, we enjoyed playing outdoors, and had lots of good times on roller skates, seesaws, swings, ladders, and monkey bars. We took long walks around and near the campus and played gleefully amid flowers and leaves and harmless wild life. It was a happy childhood, indeed. On rainy days we usually passed our out-of-school time playing indoor games with one another in the large playroom or in the sitting room.

Each year we went to the circus, had visits from Santa Claus, looked forward to visitors, paraded as spooks on Hallowe'en, and had birthday parties. All were most exciting experiences to us. Boys who reached ten years of age in this department became embryo carpenters during interesting afternoons in the large playroom. In winter time one of our most thrilling experiences was coasting and playing in the snow whenever a snowstorm gave us the chance. Every Sunday we had Sunday school classes to learn a little about God and His laws, about Jesus, and about the Golden Rule. We often went to bed dead tired, but we had lots of joy during the three or four years we stayed in this department. These fun-filled years slipped by very quickly until we were promoted to the higher department across the campus—Wingohocking Hall.

We were proud to be promoted to the middle school, or intermediate department. There we contin-

ued our speech and lipreading and took up other subjects such as geography, arithmetic, and history. We began writing letters and news items to improve our English. Our teachers took us to see famous historical places in and near Philadelphia which were most interesting to us. We had weekly lessons in drawing with Miss Waugh. At twelve years of age we started our vocational training in Morris Hall and tried out in different trades. As part of our physical education, we began to learn popular sports in addition to earlier gymnastic exercises and organized games. Most of us took about three or four years to complete the work of Wingohocking Hall and then were promoted to the large, imposing-looking, upper school, Wissinoming Hall. In this department as in Wingohocking Hall several new members joined our ranks at different times. All of them quickly became adjusted to life here and continued with us their search for knowledge.

The goal of our education at P.S.D. has been reached in Wissinoming Hall, the advanced department, from which we are now about to be graduated. Our teachers have continued to teach us lip-reading, speech, arithmetic, English, and history, but have added for the academic graduates such new lessons as civics, current events, literature, mathematics, and science. During the last few school years, vocational graduates have devoted two-thirds of their time to their trades instead of taking up more advanced academic work. All of us have been taught to decide things for ourselves, to choose between right and wrong, and to assume responsibility. We have found out that Wissinoming Hall is the busiest place on the campus with each year being busier than the last. We are more than thankful to all who have taught us, advised us, and worked with us in our search for knowledge and right living habits. We have learned a very great deal from our various clubs and our widened experiences in many directions. We have enjoyed our greater freedom in this department, the dances, plays, teas, parties, outings, and other privileges, and shall never forget all our many opportunities for fun and growth.

The class of nineteen-fifty appreciates these opportunities at P.S.D. It also appreciates most sincerely the faithful work of our teachers in all departments and of all others who have helped us to grow and develop. Our good friends here, both young and old, will always remain dear to us and we shall cherish our friendship with them. We know, too, that we shall always remember our happy days at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

CLASS PROPHECY

DALE SHIRK

» » It is the year 1970, just twenty years after our graduation. Shortly before graduation we had read skeptically about flying saucers, thinking they existed only in the imagination of those who claimed to see them, or were rockets sent out by Russia, our "cold war" foe after World War II. However, Donald Baker, our class inventor, was recently at work in his laboratory out in Death Valley, Nevada, when suddenly he heard a rumbling noise somewhat like distant thunder. Going to the window, he looked out and up at the sky just in time to see a "saucer" flying earthward and about to land near his laboratory.

The "saucer" landed, and little men about two feet tall, equipped only with water guns, quickly captured him and proudly carried him in their flying saucer back to their unknown planet. He was taken before their leader who turned out to be earth's old enemy, Adolph Hitler. Donald asked him how he had gotten there and Hitler's answer was that he had come in the same way as Donald, by flying saucer. Then Hitler had his men show Donald his specially ground lenses, resembling binoculars, through which he could see at will the earth and all its people as clearly as if they were close at hand. Excitedly Donald seized the binoculars, looked across the vast space and, at the turn of a dial, spotted:

David Moore running out of an attractive, up-to-date house with his pretty wife behind him, urging him to mow the lawn.

Gilbert Brown, president of "The Brown Shoe Company" working in his office on the payroll of the five hundred men and women who worked for him at "the highest pay in the city."

"Good boy" Ernest Pellman, living in a lone, one-room cabin in a dense forest high up in the mountains. The cabin was full of trophies, guns, and fishing rods, making the room look like a hunter's dream.

Ethel Marshall, energetic as ever, hanging up her week's wash while her good-looking husband basked himself in a hammock nearby. Nice fellow!

James Rex, now a tall and handsome man, shaving Herbert Hoover, Jr. in a successful barber shop of his own.

Marie Fox, Irene Wendorff, and Mary Lou Bowen, fashionably dressed and stroll-

ing along the boardwalk of Atlantic City, gazing at the wild sea waves.

Edward Slackway and Andrew Gulya, busy at work and making a fortune in an up-to-date garage and service station.

Raymond Bond, who was serving as a judge in a Miss America contest, awarding Miss America her crown. Another lucky fellow!

Richard Shultz, a lifeguard at Wildwood, N.J., rescuing a beautiful lassie from the surf. Atta boy!

Dale Shirk, driving an ultra-modern car at high speed along the Pennsylvania Turnpike after a record breaking cross-country run from California to New York in three days and two nights.

Charles Roskowski, wearing a sombrero and rounding up cattle on a western range, loudly singing cowboy songs.

Mary Franklin and Verna Gross on a super "Queen Mary," bound for England and bent on seeing the English royal family.

Robert Sabo, coach of "Notre Dame" football team, out on the field haranguing his boys.

Shirley Hiester, playgirl of the U.S.A., sailing on the high seas in her ultra-modern yacht.

Peggy Hall, a typical fraulein, married to a famous scientist from Germany.

Madeline Barrett and Caroline Pluguez, refereeing a women's wrestling match in Japan.

Lillie Ortiga, living in Puerto Rico with a well-to-do husband in an up-to-date house on a sugar plantation.

Florence Kocur, stewardess on a T.W.A. plane, flying through the skies on a plane piloted by Lola Morgan.

Regina Lynch and Carolyn Smith, posing as models at a fashion show in the Empire State Building.

Ellen Schleicher and Regina Stahl, working as popular forewomen in a large power-machine factory.

Barbara Kabusk and Alberta Buchter, playing roles in a show held over in the same theatre for three months.

Donald has seen them all and is satisfied that the class of 1950 is doing pretty well. He sits down and begins to write letters inviting them all to a reunion at his own home during the coming summer.

LAST WHIM AND TESTAMENT

» » WE, THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1950, of the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, situated in Mt. Airy, a beautiful suburb of the City of Brotherly Love, in the state of Pennsylvania, being of sound mind and about to leave said school to enter an almost unknown world beyond its protecting walls, do make our last will and testament in manner and form as follows: That is to say:

To our successors, the class of 1951, which shall consist of qualified members of the A second class, we give and bequeath our living quarters, school rooms, work shops, and study halls with all equipment to be found therein to have and to use until they too shall depart.

We bequeath to the said class all our opportunities here, hoping that the class will endeavor to make the best use of them.

With much pleasure we gladly give to our successors the midyear and final examinations and all the cramming which they require.

With much regret we bequeath to those about to succeed us our lost hours and opportunities, asking that they try to reduce them.

To our beloved schoolmates we make the following specific bequests:

1. I. DONALD BAKER, bestow my ability in carpentry and cabinet making on Harry Miller with the hope that he will do an even better job than I. My love of cars goes to Larry Doan. I know of no boy who wants my curly hair though all the girls admire it.
2. I. MADELINE BARRETT, divide my sports ability among all the girls in equal shares and bestow on class A-3 my luck so that it may graduate next year.
3. I. RAYMOND BOND, present my love of banana splits to John Shoup and my position as football manager to James Carroll. My linotype skill I'll take with me to serve me hereafter.
4. I. MARY LOUISE BOWEN, bestow my ability as a power machine operator on Mary Osiecki and divide my neatness both in work and in appearance equally between Susan Muir and Joan Alpaugh.
5. I. GILBERT BROWN, pass on my expertness in shoe-repairing to Vivian Doan, my speed in track to Edward Arrivello, and my funny bone to Thomas Pepsin.
6. I. ALBERTA BUCHTER, bestow my ability as a dressmaker on my sister Shirley, my deep interest in Girl Scouting on Mary Lou Sweeney, and my maidenly blush on the tomboy of next year's class.

7. I. MARIE FOX, bestow my love of comics on Marion Like and my napping habits on Jean Harvey.
8. I. MARY FRANKLIN, bestow my excellence in school work on Joan Alpaugh and my love of playing baseball on Elaine Wilson. My numerous other loves must pass on with me.
9. I. VERA GROSS, give my habit of constantly filing my nails to Lillian MacCain and divide my orange-girl job during basketball games between Mary Lou Sweeney and Ellen Keller.
10. I. ANDREW GULYA, bequeath my sense of humor to serious Obed Sheffer and to Billy Ortiga I give my success in football tackling. My ability in automobile mechanics I pass on to James Bumbulsky.
11. I. PEGGY HALL, bestow my interest in clothing on Margaret Fischl and my aversion to sports on Elizabeth King.
12. I. SHIRLEY HIESTER, bestow my love of chocolate ice cream on Phyllis Posca and my dislike of comics on Shirley Buchter.
13. I. BARBARA KABUSK, leave my scholastic ability to the brightest freshman of 1951, and to the poorest loser in next year's class, I bequeath my good sportsmanship. My sweet and lady-like ways are to go to Betty Wessner who already has some of her own.
14. I. FLORENCE KOCUR, bestow my jitterbug skill on Connie Boyer and my love of teasing on the A-grade girl with the least sense of humor.
15. I. REGINA LYNCH, bestow my happy laughter on Alma Laing and pass on to Nyad Ann Chornack my habit of frequent attendance at movies.
16. I. ETHEL MARSHALL, present my position as basketball manager to Joan Alpaugh and my addiction to the radio to Marion Stager. (Who'd like my curls? They are permanent.)
17. I. DAVID MOORE, hand on my habit of making frequent trips to Rock Inn to hungry James Liese and Carl Kutzer. My business-like attitude, I give to Billy Ortiga, asking that he try to adopt it.
18. I. LOLA MORGAN, give my lazy-daisy ways to any over-active girl in next year's vocational class, and my napping weakness to Nyad Ann Chornack.
19. I. LILLIE ORTIGA, give my all-around athletic ability to Nyad Ann Chornack and my joy in singing to Lucy Lippert.
20. I. ERNEST PELLMAN, bequeath my ability as a linotype operator to James Liese and give to Louis Tucci my position as P.S.D. basketball league manager.
21. I. CAROLINE PLUGUEZ, bequeath my all-around athletic ability and general good sportsmanship to my sister Dolores, and my teasing habits to the girl in next year's class who can tease the best without hurting.
22. I. JAMES REX, bestow my barber shop opportunities on Narvel Dancy, feeling sure he

will grasp them, and my enjoyable movie operating job on Thomas Kohl. Committee work previously done by me goes to Donald Noy.

23. I, CHARLES ROSKOWSKI, bestow my stitching skill on Christopher Sota and my love of singing on Hiram Carter and Norman Zaorski. My teachers would like all my classmates to share my good disposition.
24. I, ROBERT SABO, bequeath to Harry Miller my skill as a carpenter and bestow on Glendon Vance my short distance track speed. The sweet smiles I reserve for the fair-sex go to William Gerhard.
25. I, ELLEN SCHLEICHER, give my love of work to Mary Osiecki and my joy in conversation to Peggy Haushouer who, I know, will keep it up.
26. I, DALE SHIRK, bestow the job of candy store manager on the best business man in next year's class and my habit of loafing around the house on Billy Ortiga. My composition skill I'll need when I begin writing billets doux.
27. I, RICHARD SHULTZ, give my ever-wagging tongue to Richard Lininger. My love of television programs is to be enjoyed by any boy who likes television as much as I.
28. I, EDWARD SLACKWAY, bestow my double ability as football player and automobile mechanic on James Bumbulsky and my love of fun on Edward Arrivello.
29. I, CAROLYN SMITH, bestow my busy little tongue on Sandra Keller and my interest in movie stars on Toby Shiekman and Joyce Witmer.

30. I, REGINA STAHL, bequeath my healthy bedtime appetite to slender Lucy Lippert and my loquaciousness to quiet Alma Laing.

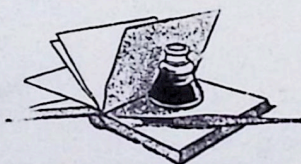
31. I, IRENE WENDORFF, bestow my speed in power machine operating on Dolores Pluguez and my letter writing propensities on Rosemary Nonamaker.

We hereby appoint our headmaster, Dr. Edward M. Twitmyer, sole executor of this, our last whim and testament. In witness thereof we hereunto set our hands and seal on the fifteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty.

Donald Baker
Madeline Barrett
Raymond Bond
Mary Bowen
Gilbert Brown
Alberta Buchter
Marie Fox
Mary Franklin
Verna Gross
Andrew Gulya
Peggy Hall
Shirley Hiester
Barbara Kabusk
Florence Kocur
Regina Lynch
Ethel Marshall

David Moore
Lola Morgan
Lillian Ortiga
Ernest Pellman
Caroline Pluguez
James Rex
Charles Roskowski
Robert Sabo
Ellen Schleicher
Dale Shirk
Richard Shultz
Edward Slackway
Carolyn Smith
Regina Stahl
Irene Wendorff

Witnesses: Harriet M. Thompson and Samuel A. Buck



NAME	CLASS LABEL	EXPRESSION	FAVORITE PASTIME	WHERE HE (OR SHE) SHINES	FAVORITE SPORTS	AMBITION	DESIRES TO GO
D. Baker			Reading magazines	Milk shakes			
M. Barrett			Reading sports news				
R. Bond			Bowling				
M. L. Bowen			Talking with J. H. M.				
G. Brown			Reading with E. W. J.				
A. Bucher			Taking a nap				
M. Fox			Listening to the radio				
M. Franklin			Talking with G. A. U.				
V. Gross			Talking with L. G. M.				
A. Gulya			Looking at D. B. M.				
P. Hall			Eating sandwiches				
S. Hiester			Dancing with J. P. B.				
B. Kabusk			Taking a nap				
F. Kcur			Cleaning her room				
R. Lynch			Reading romantic books				
E. Marshall			Being with P. L. H.				
D. Moore			Talking with A. E. G.				
L. Morgan			Going home				
L. Ortega			Drawing plans				
E. Pellman			Visiting Alberta				
C. Pluguez			Listening to the radio				
J. Rex			Singing				
C. Reskowski			Working in Gilpin Hall				
R. Sabo			Cleaning her room				
E. Schleicher			Reading comics				
D. Shirk			Movie going				
R. Shultz			At Gilpin Hall				
E. Slackway			Chatting				
C. Smith			Talking with other girls				
R. Stahl			I want to know				
I. Wendroff			I don't believe it				

VALEDICTORY

*Mr. Toland, Dr. Twitmyer, Members of the Board, Parents, Teachers,
and Friends:*

This evening you have shared one of the happiest hours of all our happy school days. Now that it is over, we must turn our thoughts toward the great outside world. We all know it may not be easy to find our places at first, for unemployment is fairly widespread. But with the education, attitudes, and courage which we have been given at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf we believe we shall have a better opportunity than many young people.

We know that the world in which we are about to begin work is one of great promise and great threat at present. Without war we are promised at least ten years of prosperity and a standard of living higher than the world has ever known. But the fear of war is in everyone's mind, especially since use of the hydrogen bomb is a terrifying possibility. Whether it will actually help to keep peace or destroy the world, we do not yet know. Nevertheless, by its very frightfulness, it may well turn out to be the only thing which will keep peace. We pray that this may be so, for then the great power of atomic energy can be used to improve the lot of man rather than to destroy him.

We young people who are graduating tonight believe in God's teaching as the best guide to human conduct. We believe that with His guidance peace will eventually prevail. With this knowledge and encouragement we go forth with less fear of failure and greater hope for success.

I have been chosen, as representative of the Class of 1950, to bid farewell to our school and to you who have helped prepare us to stand strong and unafraid in the future, whatever it may hold. We are sad to think that we are leaving you and our dear school for we have known many happy days that can never return. I find it difficult to say more: so I will simply repeat with the utmost sincerity, "Thank you all. Farewell."

MARY ELIZABETH FRANKLIN



We'll Always Remember

The P.S.D. football victory over W.V.S.D.

Our football star—John Bingham.

Our trip to Franklin Field as guests of the Rotary Club to see Virginia play
Pennsylvania

The Annual Christmas Pageant with Barbara as Mary.

Our worries over mid-year and final exams.

Better Hearing Week at Gimbel Brothers—(Especially the fashion show).

The winter that didn't arrive.

The house parties we enjoyed each month.

Winning second place in the annual basketball tournament at Pittsburgh.

The senior meetings.

Planting the Samuel A. Buck Tree.

Our class motto.

Getting out "The Mount Airian."

Our pride and joy in our rings and pictures.

Our class mascot, Linda C. Williams.

The Senior Farewell Party.

Our trip to Torresdale to see the Home.

The beautiful campus each season.

Our beloved teachers and advisers and

Our happy days together at P.S.D.

—VERNA GROSS



THE GIRL SCOUTS

» » THE GIRL SCOUTS OF P.S.D. have continued to help others as much as possible, to earn merit badges, and to enjoy working and playing together.

Miss Virginia Pancake and Miss Patricia McGowan have been the leaders of Troop 181 this year. We have spent most of our time working for two badges, the hostess badge and the reading badge. We have elected only one new officer, Alberta Buchter, as treasurer. Troop 181 is smaller than it was last year but no less enthusiastic. The members of the troop are Mary Lou Sweeney, Shirley Yellin, Joan Fogarty, Alberta Buchter, Barbara Kabusk, Madeline Barrett, and Selma Schacher.

To those who will be senior scouts next year, Troop 181 wishes lots of luck and happiness. To our leaders, we express appreciation of their work for us and the hope that they'll continue their girl scout leadership for many years.



THE BOY SCOUTS

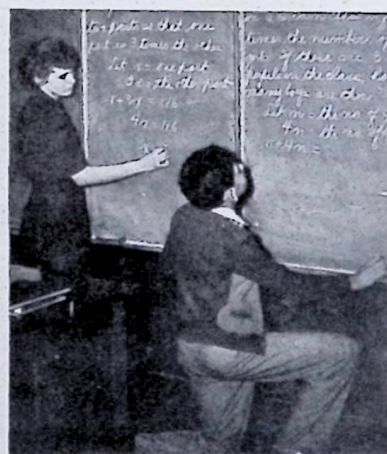
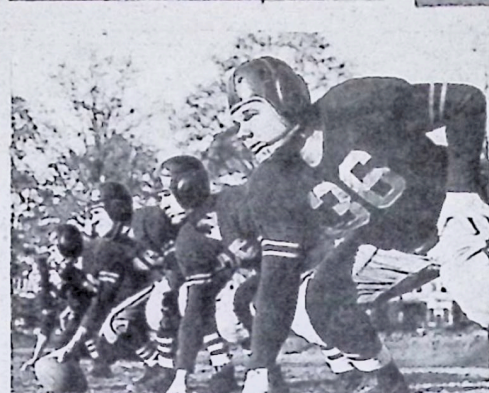
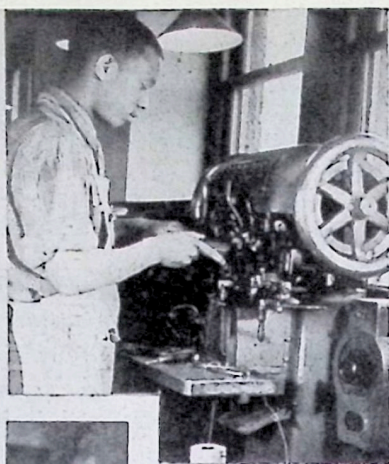
» » WHEN P.S.D. BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 402 held their first meeting of the school year on September 21, 1949, they were very much surprised to hear that their former scoutmaster, Mr. Bruzgis, had resigned. The troop continued its work with only one scoutmaster, Paul Henry, until the disbanding of troop 403 gave them a new Scoutmaster, Mr. Leroy Gerhard, on January 27, 1950. Mr. Gerhard had formerly been scoutmaster of troop 403.

During the first week Mr. Gerhard devoted his time to getting used to us and seeing how high we ranked. The next week he began working with us on merit badges and every week has brought to the troop new games which he has seen played on television programs.

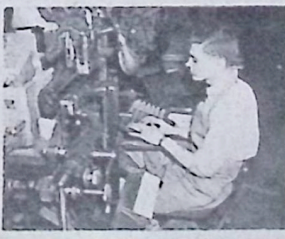
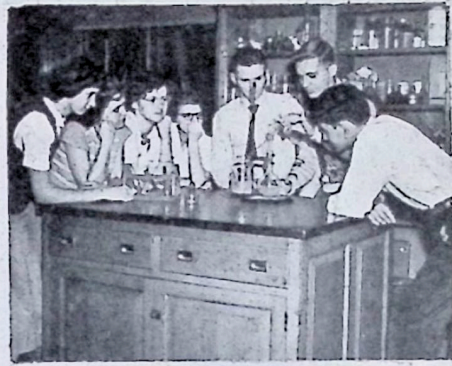
On October 19th Troops 402 and 406 had a joint Court of Honor in Gilpin Hall during which Carl Kutzer became a first class scout and John Fedio and Hiram Carter each were awarded three merit badges. Since Mr. Gerhard has joined us, Hiram Carter has earned two additional merit badges; Robert Heilman, two; John Fedio, one; and Carl Kutzer, one. We have gone on a few hikes and have gone camping a few times, too. All the members of the troops are hoping to go to summer camp.

Troops 402 and 406 wish all P.S.D. scouts success and happiness in the future and may God always be with them.

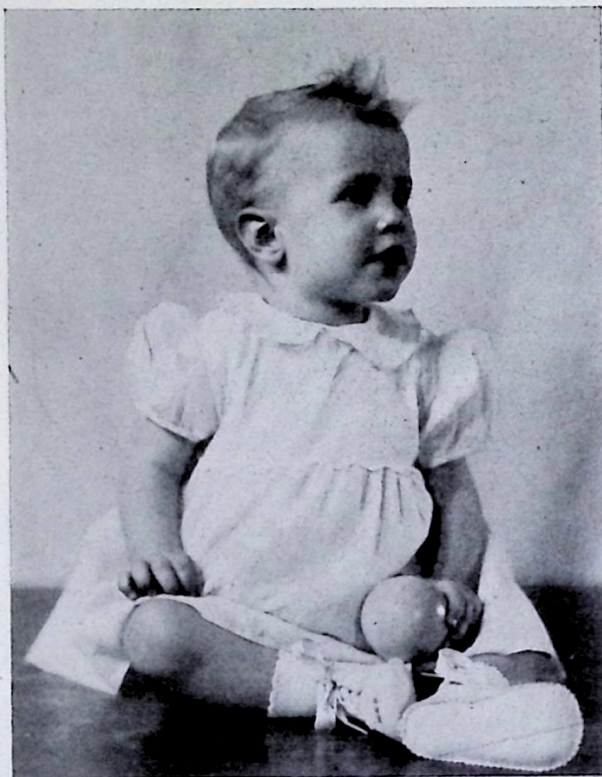
AROUND THE UNION



1949-1950



CLASS MASCOT



LINDA CAROLYN WILLIAMS

We have chosen Linda Williams, aged one, the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Williams, as our class mascot. Linda has won the hearts of the boys and girls with her charming little personality, her pretty walk, and her shy look.



Class Motto—IT IS BEST TO LEARN WISDOM BY THE EXPERIENCES OF OTHERS.

Class Color—ROYAL BLUE AND GOLD

Class Flower—WHITE ROSE

Class Tree—WEEPING WILLOW



Activities



GIRLS' READING CLUB



Front row, left to right: Joan Alpaugh, Martha Schanley, Pauline Weaver, Ellen Keller, Alberta Dalto, Gertrude Soifer, Irene Wendorff, Setha Althouse, Joan Minter, Alice Hubler, Carolyn Smith, Patsy Lesko, Hazel Earle, Jean Harvey, Barbara Pomicter, Frances Poustus, Susan Muir, Phyllis Posca. *Second row, left to right:* Marion Stager, Joyce Witmer, Lorraine Myer, Alice Werner, Frances Alinsky, Janet Sims, Pauline Graham, Dolores Hendrick, Elaine Wilson, Mildred Bodyl, Marion Kuykendall, Margaret Fischl, Marie Fox, Shirley Sims, Peggy Lou Warner, Lois Copeland, Mary Louise Sweeney. *Third row, left to right:* Mary Hackett, Sandra Keller, Eleanor Nonamaker, Joan Eroh, Shirley Buchter, Dolores Pluguez, Frances Fine, Rosemary Nonamaker, Toby Shiekman, Sara Jane Brougher, Jean Scholz, Lois Garvine, Elizabeth Bonchack, Shirley Ruppert, Marion Like, Mary Ellen Hunsberger. *Fourth row, left to right:* Ethel Marshall, Peggy Lou Haushouer, Ellen Schleicher, Verna Gross, Jean Grabowski, Mary Osiecki, Betty Wessner, Elizabeth King, Regina Lynch, Peggy Hall, Nancy Bauman, Florence Kocur, Constance Boyer, Lillian MacCain, Joan Fogarty, Lucy Lippert, Shirley Yellin. *Fifth row, left to right:* Nyad Chornack, Regina Stahl, Alma Laing, Mary Louise Bowen, Romania Ceconato, Carol Crush, Mary Franklin, Alberta Buchter, Caroline Pluguez, Lola Morgan, Barbara Kabusk, Madeline Barrett, Lillie Ortega, Selma Schacher, Shirley Hiester.

» » THE GIRLS' READING CLUB is the oldest, the largest, and the most generally enjoyed of all the girls' clubs in Wissinoming Hall. It is open to all girls of this department. Numerous magazines and daily newspapers are subscribed to each fall, so that there is always plenty of current reading material available. The club occupies two large, homelike rooms on the main floor which are reserved for reading only. The girls themselves select most of the magazines under the guidance of their counselor.

OFFICERS FOR 1949-50

ALBERTA BUCHTER	President
LILLIE ORTIGA	Vice President
CAROLINE PLUGUEZ	Secretary-Treasurer

BOYS' READING CLUB



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» » THE BOYS' READING CLUB, where most of the older boys spend their evenings reading newspapers, current news, and other magazines, was organized around the year 1908 and is still going strong. It has a membership larger than that of all the rest of the clubs in Wissinoming Hall put together.

The boys value the club not only for the opportunity it affords of reading sport news, but also for gaining news of the outside world. Its value is educational as well as recreational and the boys realize that.

The club also has a small library consisting of books given by people who have read or finished with them. Some are good novels and other stories. Most of the books and magazines, however, are weekly and monthly publications.

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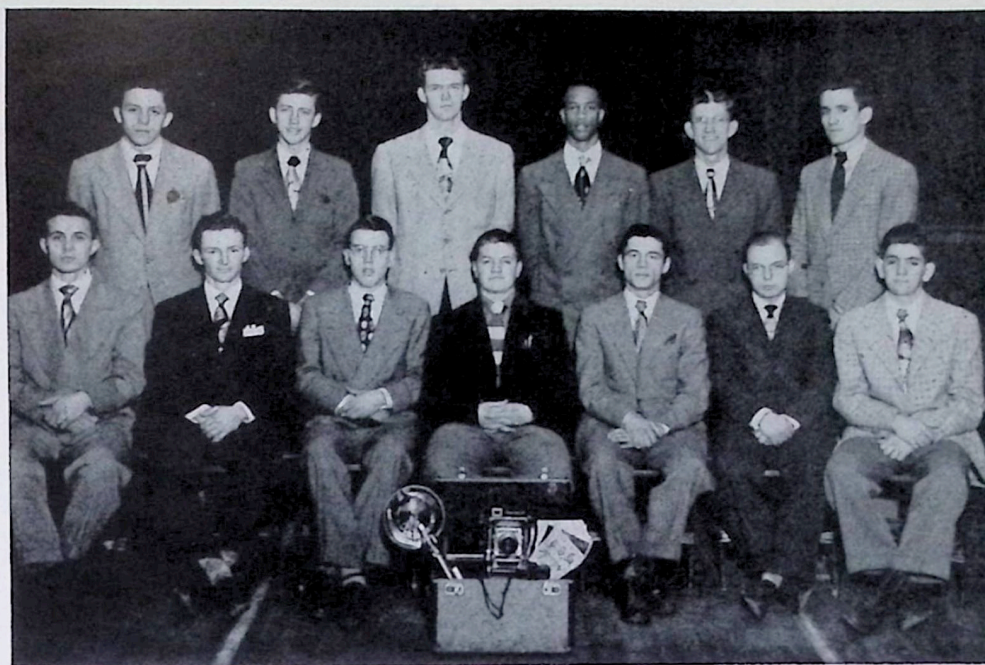


Front row, left to right: Madeline Barrett, Lola Morgan, Caroline Pluguez, Treasurer; Barbara Kabusk, President; Alberta Buchter, Vice President; Ethel Marshall, Secretary; Marion Stager. Middle row, left to right: Verna Gross, Regina Lynch, Regina Stahl, Nyad Chornack, Miss Edith A. Williams, Advisor, Mary Louise Bowen, Alma Laing, Selma Schacher, Constance Boyer. Back row, left to right: Lorraine Myer, Lillian MacCain, Betty Wessner Florence Kocur, Nancy Bauman, Peggy Hall, Mary Osiecki, Peggy Lou Haushouer, Ellen Schleicher.

» » THE ROOMMATE CLUB consists of twenty-four girls who occupy student rooms in Wissinoming Hall. This year's officers are Barbara Kabusk, president; Alberta Buchter, vice-president; Ethel Marshall, secretary; and Caroline Pluguez, treasurer. The club is both a social and a service group, for the girls seek not only to have good times among themselves but also to help the school by guiding the younger girls. The members have occasional meetings to make plans for selling candy, soft-drinks, pretzels, potato chips, and cards for the benefit of the club, to plan social events, and to carry on other business. Every alternate year the girls present a stage program for which tickets are sold and to which everyone is invited. The profit realized from the show and business enterprises of the group are used for spring trips, social gatherings, and other expenses of the club.

Most of this year's members will graduate in June and new girls will step into their places in 1950-51. The class of 1950 group hopes they will enjoy their membership in the club and continue to serve the school.

CAMERA CLUB



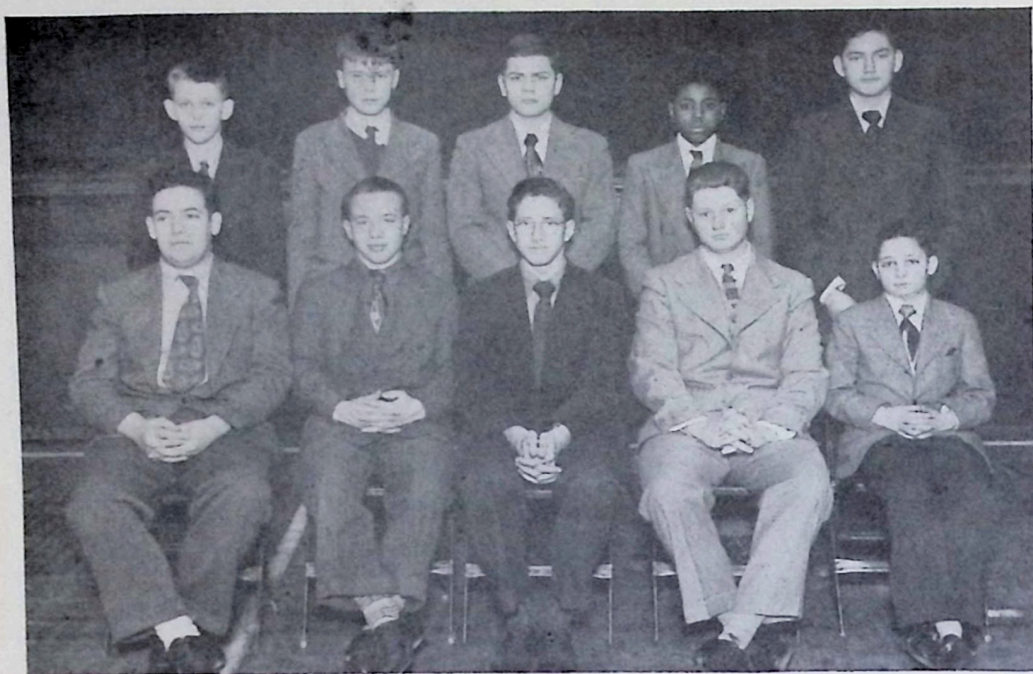
Front row, left to right: Raymond Bond, Donald Baker, Norman Bishop, Secretary; James Liese, President; Dino Pitassi, Treasurer; James Rex, Dale Shirk. Back row, left to right: Edward Jenkins, Robert Heilman, John Shoup, Gilbert Brown, Robert Sabo, Donald Noy.

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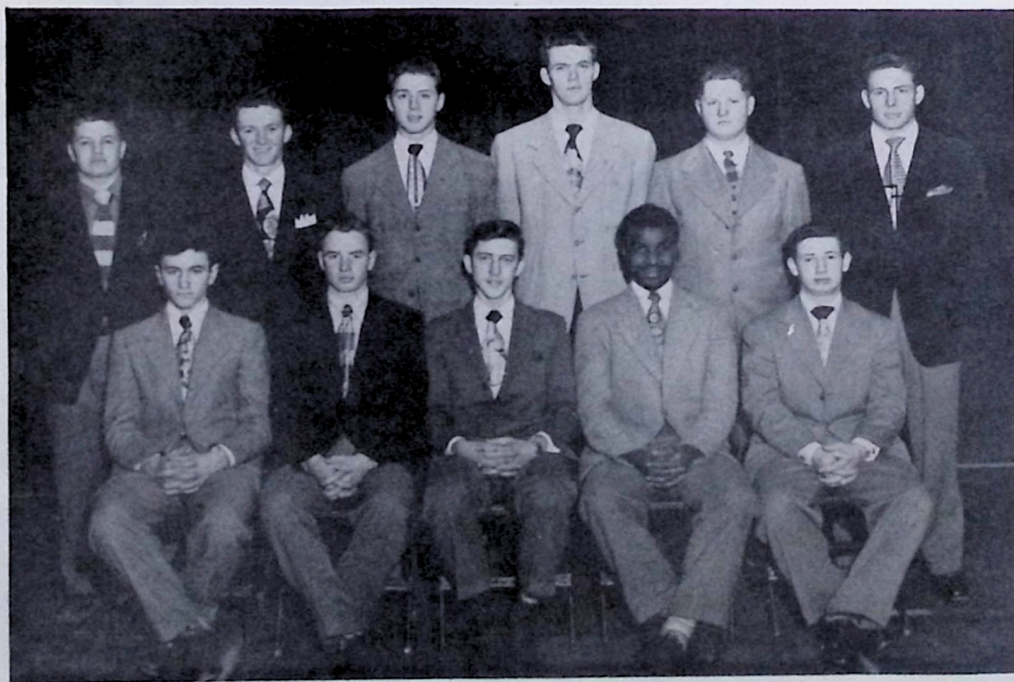
Front row, left to right: Dino Pitassi, Robert Heilman, Treasurer; Robert Kelley, Vice President; Peter Little, President; James Schooley, Secretary; Donald Johnston. Middle row, left to right: Paul Roberts, Harry McAlpin, Gilbert Brown, Richard Shultz, Kenneth Ressler, Robert McNamara, William Bernard. Back row, left to right: Donald Smith, Edwin Glass, Narvel Dancy, Louis Santangini.

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Front row, left to right: Larry Doan, Treasurer; Ralph Lehman, Vice President; George Uhler, President; William Wells, Secretary; Louis Santangini. Back row, left to right: Carl McGill, William Bernard, Louis Tucci, Paul Roberts, Edwin Glass.

FISHING CLUB



Front row, left to right: John Fedio, Glendon Vance, Treasurer; Robert Heilman, Narvel Dancy, Vivian Doan. Back row, left to right: James Liese, Donald Baker, Obed Sheffer, Secretary; John Shoup, William Wells, David Moore. Andrew Gulya, President and Edward Slackway are not in picture.



FIELD HOCKEY



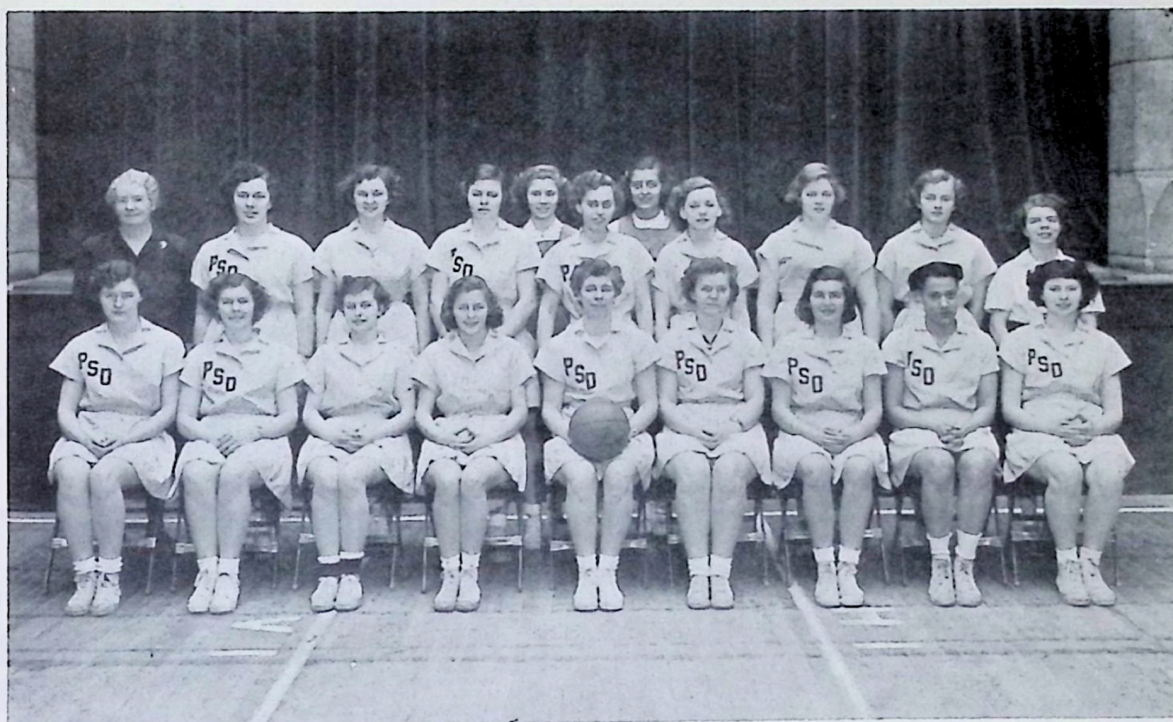
Front row, left to right: Mary Franklin, Alberta Buchter, Caroline Pluguez, Madeline Barrett, Lillie Ortega, Captain; Barbara Kabusk, Florence Kocur, Betty Wessner. Middle row, left to right: Verna Gross, Miss Edith A. Williams, Coach; Dolores Pluguez, Mary Osiecki, Ellen Schleicher, Shirley Yellin, Lucy Lippert, Lorraine Myer, Constance Boyer, Peggy Lou Haushouer, Ethel Marshall, Manager; Lola Morgan. Back row, left to right: Elizabeth King, Nancy Bauman, Assistant Captain; Regina Lynch, Nyad Chornack, Selma Schacher, Regina Stahl, Lillian MacCain, Alice Werner, Barbara Pomictor.

» » THIS YEAR the girls have shown much improvement in their hockey playing. The team has won four and lost two games. From the middle of September to the end of November the girls practiced hockey on every fair Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday under their fine coach, Miss Edith A. Williams, who taught them a number of good, new tricks. They played against five hearing schools and one school for the deaf. Both the first and the second teams played games on each occasion. The players hope that next year's team will show even more progress than they have done.

SEASON RECORD

	P.S.D.	Opponent
Olney	3	2
William Penn	1	0
Roxborough	0	3
John Bartram	2	0
New Jersey School for the Deaf	6	0
Olney	1	2

BASKETBALL



Front row, left to right: Alberta Buchter, Florence Kocur, Barbara Kabusk, Constance Boyer, Assistant Captain; Caroline Pluguez, Captain; Lola Morgan, Madeline Barrett, Lillian Ortiga, Regina Stahl. Middle row, left to right: Miss Edith A. Williams, Coach; Mary Osiecki, Ellen Schleicher, Peggy Lou Haushouer, Shirley Yellin, Lucy Lippert, Lillian MacCain, Dolores Pluguez, Ethel Marshall, Manager. Back row, left to right: Nancy Bauman, Nyad Chornack.

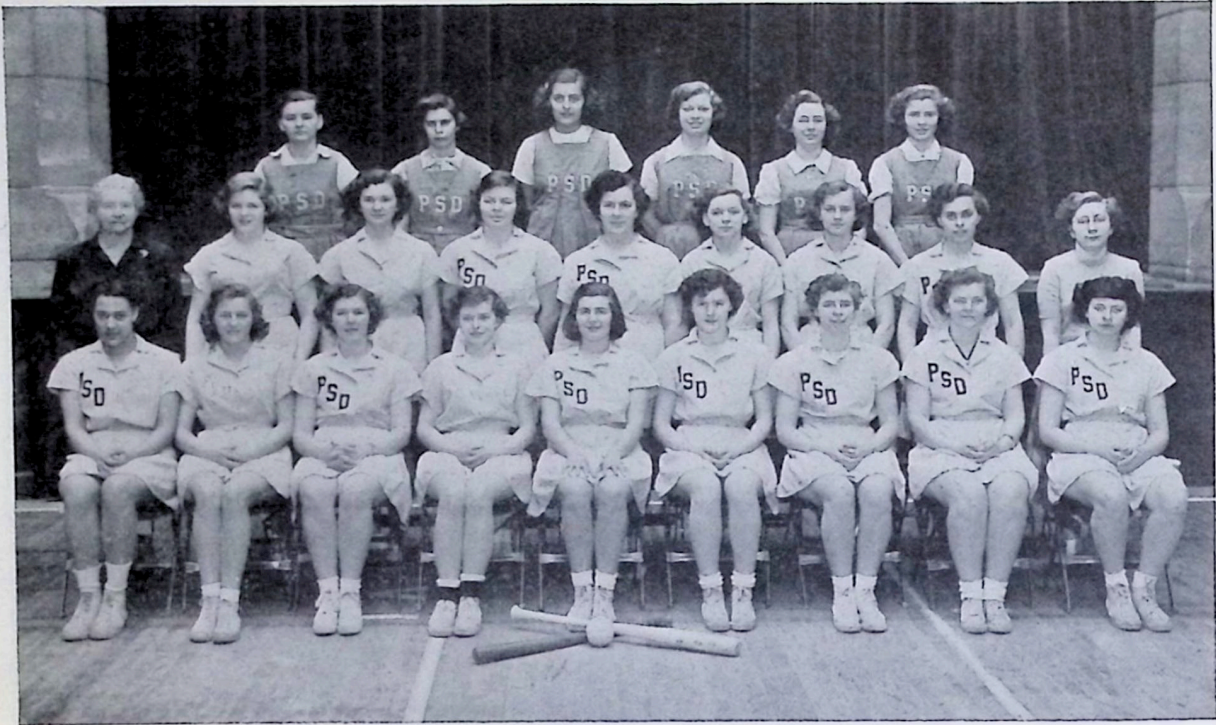
» » BASKETBALL is perhaps the favorite girls' sport of P.S.D. Basketball practice started before Christmas and, after our Christmas vacation, regular games began on January 11th and continued until March 14th. Lillie Ortiga was our captain and Constance Boyer was co-captain. Ethel Marshall was again the manager.

This year we have had fine guards, but Lillie Ortiga was the star for, being tall, she could get the ball easily. The forwards did their best to get the ball into the baskets, but to no purpose, with the result that we lost the majority of our games. Unfortunately, all the girls on the first team will be graduated this June so that an entirely new team will appear on the court next year. We wish them all the good fortune possible and hope they will win many victories.

BASKETBALL SCORES

	P.S.D.	Opp.		P.S.D.	Opp.
William Penn H. S.	20	27	Kendall School	31	17
Upper Moreland	36	47	William Penn. H. S.	16	22
St. Cecilian Academy	32	28	Simon Gratz H. S.	25	27
John Bartram H. S.	19	40	N. J. School for the Deaf	17	41
N. J. School for the Deaf	17	36	South Philadelphia H. S.	47	41
Dobbins Vocational	28	15	Simon Gratz H. S.	27	45

SOFTBALL



Front row, left to right: Lillian Ortiga, Captain; Constance Boyer, Florence Kocur, Barbara Kabusk, Madeline Barrett, Alberta Buchter, Caroline Pluguez, Assistant Captain; Lola Morgan, Regina Stahl. Middle row, left to right: Miss Edith A. Williams, Coach; Lillian MacCain, Ellen Schleicher, Peggy Lou Haushouer, Mary Osiecki, Lucy Lippert, Dolores Pluguez, Shirley Yellin, Verna Gross, Manager. Back row, left to right: Elaine Wilson, Margaret Fischl, Nyad Chornack, Shirley DeArmitt, Dolores Hendrick, Nancy Bauman.

» » SOFTBALL, the springtime sport of the P.S.D. girls, calls for lots of energy and spirit. Our first days of practice find the girls with plenty of pep and in high spirits, but rusty in batting. As we practice frequently, our batting and catching improve. We hope our schedule for this season is long and successful, for we feel we have a good team this year and we are determined to make a better record than we made last year. If hard work and the will to win mean anything, we shall succeed.

The team of 1950 extends best wishes to the team of 1951, hoping that they also do a good job and even surpass the record that we hope to set.

FOOTBALL



Front row, left to right: James Carroll, James Rex, Louis Tucci, Managers. Second row, left to right: David Firestone, Glenn Hartman, Edward Arrivello, James Bumbulsky, Edward Slackway, Co-Captain; Andrew Gulya, Captain; John Bingham, Robert Sabo, Adriano Manieri, Donald Noy. Third row, left to right: Raymond Bond, Manager; Glendon Vance, William Ortega John Shoup, Harry Miller, James Liese, Vivian Doan, Hiram Carter, Robert Kelley, Wren Bailey, Llewellyn Thomas, Manager. Fourth row, left to right: Thomas Kennedy, Coach; Donald Johnston, David Filo, Gilbert Brown, Vincent Piccerillo, William Gerhard, Willis Thomas, George Zushin, Gerald Heidler, Louis Parrish, Ralph Lehman.

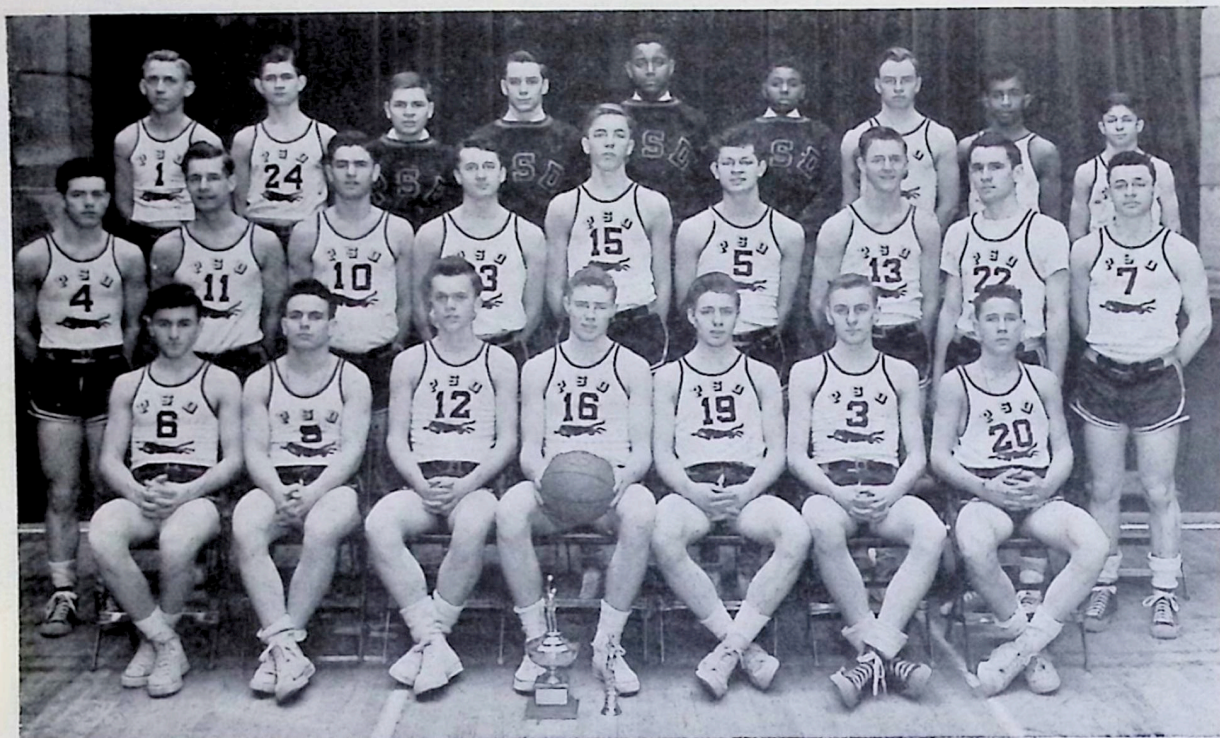
» » THE BLUE AND GOLD FOOTBALL TEAM showed great improvement during 1949 with a record of five victories and three defeats. After the team lost its first game with Conshohocken High School, the boys realized they had not had sufficient practice since their return to school to do themselves justice. Following its initial defeat the team won five games straight and then lost the games with Salesianum Catholic High School and New Jersey for the Deaf, but rallied to win the last game of the season with West Virginia School for the Deaf by a thrilling score.

Unfortunately, four of our finest players will not be back next fall, for all are graduating in June. They are Edward Slackway, Andrew Gulya, Robert Sabo, and Gilbert Brown. Edward Slackway was chosen all-American player of 1949. John Bingham, our star player, received one of the coveted Maxwell Awards which is given to the outstanding high school football player of each week by the Maxwell Club.

SEASON RECORD

P.S.D.	Opp.	P.S.D.	Opp.
7—Conshohocken High School	30	39—Lower Moreland High School	15
45—Southampton High School	19	6—New Jersey School for the Deaf	7
34—Bensalem High School	19	0—Salesianum Catholic High School	19
38—Boyertown High School	21	20—West Virginia School for the Deaf	19

BASKETBALL



Front row, left to right: John Fedio, Edward Arrivello, Gerald Heidler, John Bingham, Captain; Obed Sheffer, Donald Brady, Carl Kutzer. Middle row, left to right: Louis Parrish, James Bumbulsky, Vincent Piccerillo, Thomas Pepsin, Barry Copeland, George Zushin, Christopher Sota, Donald Noy, Adriano Manieri. Back row, left to right: Joseph Dye, Donald Johnston, Louis Tucci, Donald Wagner, Llewellyn Thomas, Paul Roberts, Managers; Glendon Vance, Hiram Carter, Edmund Bucci.

» » THE BASKETBALL SEASON was a tremendous success under the new coach, Mr. Antoni. Starting the season off on a bad note, the Panthers came through with a blazing finish at the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Basketball Tournament held in Pittsburgh. Everyone worked toward the championship of the Deaf Schools' Tournament, in which the Panthers came in second to New York School for the Deaf.

On the squad were such glittering players as John Bingham, captain; Obed Sheffer, Donald Brady, Jerry Heidler, Edward Arrivello, Vincent Piccerillo, Adriano Manieri, Carl Kutzer, Louis Parrish, and John Fedio. A boy who also aided in the triumph was the team's manager, Donald Wagner, who worked hard and should receive some of the credit for the team's success.

We hope future teams will play as well as did the 1950 basketball team.

SEASON RECORD

P.S.D.	Opp.	P.S.D.	Opp.
22—Mastbaum Vocational School	39	55—Bryn Athyn Academy	43
32—Conshohocken High School	40	33—Conshohocken High School	45
47—Bok Vocational School	75	50—St. John's Catholic High School	46
46—Germantown Academy	52	45—Girard College	39
43—Dobbins Vocational School	64	39—Mastbaum Vocational School	51
50—Penn Charter School	57	36—St. Patrick's Catholic High School	39
39—Temple High School	53	77—Kendall School for the Deaf	27
34—Bridgeport High School	38	38—New Jersey School for the Deaf	41
45—St. Patrick's Catholic High School	41	31—Temple High School	66
35—New Jersey School for the Deaf	36	62—St. John's Catholic High School	77

BASEBALL



Front row, left to right: Richard Shultz, Robert Kelley, Adriano Manieri, Gerald Heidler, Charles Roskowski, Christopher Sota, Wren Bailey. Middle row, left to right: Carl Kutzer, Richard Wessner, David Firestone, George Zushin, Victor DiCicco, Gilbert Brown, Harry McAlpin, Vivian Dean, Harold Bossons. Back row, left to right: Erwin Antoni. Coach: Ralph Lehman, James Liese, Donald Johnston, Louis Parrish, John Fedio, Peter Little, Manager.

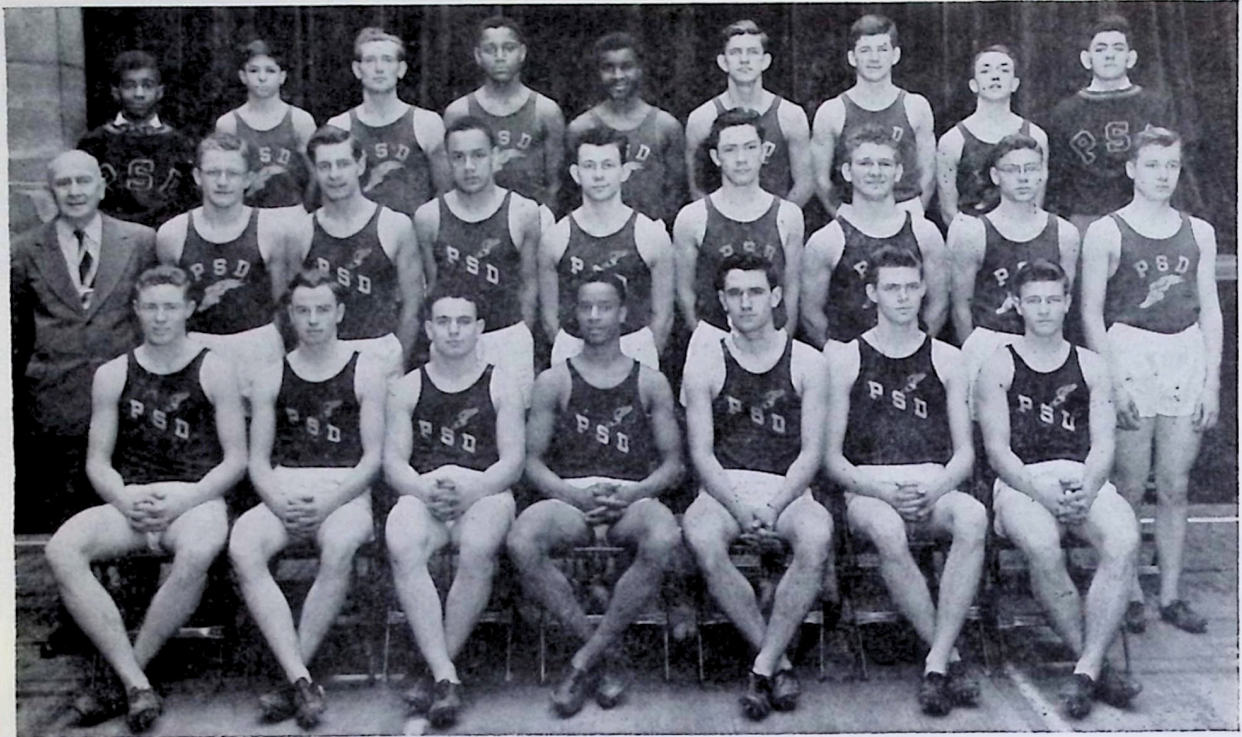
» » SINCE LAST SPRING we have lost five of our best baseball players, but we are sanguine in the belief that this year's team will do its best to improve over the last three seasons. If we can develop a few more good players as the season progresses, we shall be able to do ourselves credit on the diamond.

Our new coach, Mr. Antoni, who coached the basketball season so splendidly, will do his best, we know, to teach the boys to play good baseball, too. The class of "50" wishes the team the very best of luck in the games scheduled.

1950 SCHEDULE

Springfield High School	Away	New Jersey School for the Deaf	Away
St. John's High School	Home	St. John's High School	Away
Conshohocken High School	Home	Girard College	Home
Williamson School	Home	Temple High School	Home
Springfield High School	Home	New Jersey School for the Deaf	Home

TRACK



Front row, left to right: John Bingham, Glendon Vance, Edward Arrivello, Assistant Captain; Gilbert Brown, Captain; Donald Noy, John Shoup, Harry Miller. Middle row, left to right: Edwin Robinson, Coach; William Palmer, James Bumbulsky, William Ortiga, Willis Thomas, Robert Kelley, Peter Petruskevich, Melvin King, Kenneth Ressler. Back row, left to right: Hiram Carter, Manager; Edmund Bucci, David Firestone, Llewellyn Thomas, Narvel Dancy, Robert Sabo, Wren Bailey, Robert McNamara, Dale Shirk, Manager.

» » OUR NINE VICTORIES out of ten track meets in 1949 gave us a better record than we made in 1948. P.S.D. lost only to the Springfield team, thereby spoiling an otherwise perfect record. Our success was largely due to the enthusiastic coaching of Mr. Edwin Robinson.

The sprinters were led by Edward Arrivello, Gilbert Brown, Glendon Vance, John Shoup, Robert Sabo, Donald Noy, and Billy Ortiga. Our fastest trackman in the 100 yard dash was Edward Arrivello who made the best time at Girard College, 10 seconds. He was seconded by Gilbert Brown whose time was 10.1 seconds.

We wish the best of luck to the track team of 1950-51.

1950 SCHEDULE

Simon Gratz High School
La Salle High School
Germantown Academy
Malvern Preparatory
Penn Relays

Home
Home
Away
Home
Franklin Field

Germantown Friends
Roxborough High School
Haverford School
Upper Moreland High School
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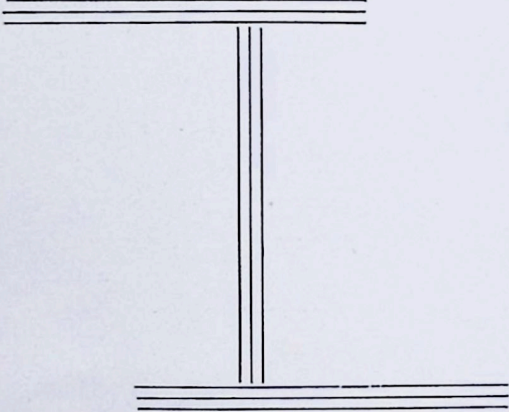
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